

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**EASTER DAY**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015**



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**Sunday, April 5, 2015**

**9:00A.M.**

**EASTER DAY**

PRELUDE

March

J.S. Bach

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

**All: Hallelujah!**

\* HYMN 216

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Living God, we praise You for the great truth of Easter, the message that Your love will not be defeated. When human evil had done its worst, despite every effort to frustrate Your purpose, still Your will triumphed! The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, Christ had risen!**

**May that truth fire us each day with new hope, new confidence and new enthusiasm, knowing that whatever obstacles we may face, and whatever may fight against us, there is nothing that will finally be able to thwart Your purpose, or to deny Your saving purpose, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Corinthians 15:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

GOSPEL LESSON

St. Luke 24: 1-12

\* HYMN 229

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Puer Nobis Nascitur

SERMON

*SECURED AT LAST*

Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\* HYMN 233

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hyfrydol

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Ayre

Jeremiah Clarke

\* THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us pray . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

\* HYMN 218

*Thine is the Glory*

Maccabeus

BENEDICTION (in unison)

Old Celtic Prayer

**Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father. Let us set out therefore on a new way of life with Christ, and may the blessing of the God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Finale, Trumpet Concerto

Francesco Manfredini

## **WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS EASTER DAY**

**WE WISH EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING A VERY HAPPY EASTER.** Easter is God's gift to the whole of humanity. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

**WE EXTEND A HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR EASTER DAY TRUMPETER, JERRY PETERSON.** He will add much to the joyful Easter music.

**OUR SANCTUARY IS ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL TODAY** because of the many Easter flowers and lilies. We express our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. They may be collected on Tuesday morning for family, friends or those confined to home.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TODAY** to remain for "a wee while" to enjoy a light reception which has been prepared for you.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** for April will be held next Sunday, April 12. Our guest preacher will be our good friend, the Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole.

**AT OUR RECENT BOARD MEETING** the following mission gifts were approved on behalf of St. Andrew's: \$1000 to the Shepherd's Clinic, \$1000 to Meals on Wheels, and \$1000 to the Family Crisis Center.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF OUR MISSION AND DREAM TEAM** will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 4 p.m. here at church. Everyone is welcome, especially those with interests in mission and projects.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR SPRING BUS TRIPS:**

Monday, April 27. Come and enjoy a happy visit to the National Arboretum and visit the Bonsai and Herb gardens, along with a tram ride and lunch. Sign up sheets on the lounge piano. Tuesday, May 12. We will visit the new Seminary Ridge Museum. The entrance fee is \$7.70. Please sign up on the appropriate sheet on the lounge piano. Everyone is welcome to join us.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

*There would be no Church anywhere in the world if it were not for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That means also that we are Resurrection People.*